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Mark,
Need to clarify the decision made yesterday with Legal, DC Ferguson and yourself that we would not be moving the vehicles from Rideau/ Sussex further west on Wellington.

Any change ?

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Background:

Members of the PLT team have continued to engage the convoy group leadership including Tom Marazzo and Eva Chipiuk (Counsel) in an effort to mediate/negotiate as part of the PLT strategy. In discussions with Eva Chipiuk she asked that if she was able to gain agreement from the group currently occupying the Rideau Street/Sussex Drive area would the OPS agree to allow the members of the group to move forward to the Wellington Street/Elgin Street area? This re-location would be facilitated by OPS. Counsel Chipiuk indicated that she would contact PLT members at 9:00 am (February 10th) to find out what the position was of the OPS.

Decision Point:

Members of the OPS/PLT are requesting the approval to facilitate the re-location of the convoy vehicles currently blocking the Rideau Street/Sussex Drive and to move them to the Wellington Street/Elgin Street area (Parliament – East Block Area).

This movement closely aligns with the PLT Strategy/Operational Plan and the National Framework for Police Preparedness for Demonstrations and Assemblies and would be the recommendation of the OPS PLT Team.

Liaison Goals:

- Attempt to have groups/leaders identify an exit strategy.
- The goal is to try to find wins for everyone and to find opportunities to have the appearance of success to navigate toward an ending, and the willingness and ability to continue to work with all involved. All stakeholders have to continue to make small concessions such as opening up lanes, one side of the street, etc.

- To ensure that prior to targeted enforcement police demonstrably utilized the measured approach exhausting all efforts within the communication strategy.

The PLT Strategy within the measured approach is designed to address/achieve the following.

- Many people within the protest group including leadership have advised they don't want to stay longer but are looking to "save face" and find a "win" so they can go home with the appearance of having succeeded for their community.
- Make efforts to reduce the footprint on the ground throughout the city and allow concessions to be given to leadership (ie porta potties, curb lanes). This will show who is willing to work with police and who is not going to work with police. Ultimately identifying the trouble groups that will not comply through negotiation. This will also be easier for police to do targeted enforcement on those groups later if required and will be easier to communicate after action.
- Exhaust every effort and opportunity to move people out the City of Ottawa and into areas that are more strategically advantageous to the overall response and the community prior to arrest.

John Ferguson